This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1. (original) A modular hearing aid device, comprising:
- a microphone module that comprises a microphone module housing and at least one microphone; and
 - a hearing aid device module that comprises a hearing aid device module housing and at least one microphone;

wherein

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- the microphone module housing supplements the hearing aid device module housing to form a housing of the hearing aid device having a uniform effect, the microphone module and the hearing aid device module being detachably connectable.
- 15 2. (original) The modular hearing aid device according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - an attenuation-damped connection for connecting the microphone module and the hearing aid device module.
- 20 3. (currently amended) The modular hearing aid device according to claim 2, A modular hearing aid device, comprising:
 - a microphone module that comprises a microphone module housing and at least one microphone;
 - a hearing aid device module that comprises a hearing aid device module housing and at least one microphone; and
 - an attenuation-damped connection for connecting the microphone module and the hearing aid device module;

wherein

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- the microphone module housing supplements the hearing aid device

 module housing to form a housing of the hearing aid device having
 a uniform effect, the microphone module and the hearing aid device

 module being detachably connectable; and
- wherein the attenuation-damped connection is arranged at at least one oscillatory node of characteristic oscillations of the hearing aid device module housing.
- 4. (original) The modular hearing aid device according to claim 2, wherein the attenuation-damped connection comprises a damping material.
 - 5. (original) The modular hearing aid device according to claim 1, wherein the microphone of the microphone module is fashioned as directional microphone.
 - 6. (original) The modular hearing aid device according to claim 1, wherein the microphone module comprises at least two microphones.
- 7. (original) The modular hearing aid device according to claim 6, wherein the at least two microphones in the microphone module form a directional microphone system.
 - 8. (currently amended) The modular hearing aid device according to claim 1, wherein the microphone module is configured to be simultaneously employed with the microphone of the <u>hearing</u> heating aid device module.
 - 9. (currently amended) The modular hearing aid device according to claim 1,

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A modular hearing aid device, comprising:

- a microphone module that comprises a microphone module housing and at least one microphone; and
- <u>a hearing aid device module that comprises a hearing aid device module</u> <u>housing and at least one microphone;</u>

wherein

- the microphone module housing supplements the hearing aid device

 module housing to form a housing of the hearing aid device having
 a uniform effect, the microphone module and the hearing aid device

 module being detachably connectable; and
- wherein modular hearing aid device is configured such that the microphone of the hearing aid module is deactivated when the microphone module is connected to the hearing aid module.
- 15 10. (original) The modular hearing aid device according to claim 1, wherein the hearing aid device module is configured to accept various microphone modules that respectively comprise different acoustic and/or electronic properties.
- 11. (original) The modular hearing aid device according to claim 1, wherein the20 microphone module comprises an electronic interface to the hearing aid device module.